

The Falmouth Flyer

Airport President's Column

Hello everyone and welcome back to all our residents who went south for the winter. We are all anxiously waiting for spring to make an appearance and stay for a while. This has put us behind on some of our projects, and Willy is trying to catch up with Tom's help. Speaking of help, my thanks to all who showed up for our neighborhood cleanup day. It really made a difference in catching up after a terrible winter. Special thanks go to Lori Bisbee and her assistants for organizing the day.

I would like to bring you up to date on some ongoing projects and daily activities. First, on a daily basis you may see Willy riding all the taxiways, runway and streets in the GEM cart each morning. He is performing a daily inspection to insure that all areas are clean and safe for us to operate. The mowing schedule is pretty much set for Thursdays and Fridays to ensure the Airpark looks good for the weekend. The entrances have been mulched and annuals planted. The drains are being finished as time permits in-between other activities. Also Willy will be finishing the landscaping in front of the new hangar area by Memorial Day weekend, weather permitting.

We have entered our busy season for operations. At this time of year we receive many visitors to the Airpark. If you observe someone operating outside our procedures please help to educate them by having a friendly conversation with them. Also point out our procedure sign and you can direct them to our airport manager for further assistance. With the busy season here we have also adjusted our fuel prices to market pricing. You will see weekly price changes, but the resident 30 cent per gallon rebate still applies. We are doing this as a means to enhance revenue and to better position ourselves when we have to order more fuel.

That's all for now. Have a safe and enjoyable spring flying season.

Ed Stadelman

We Support Our Troops



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Upcoming Events

Flying Red Hatters Outing TBA

Board of Directors Meeting June 6th

ARC ACTIVITY

Under Construction :

Chris and Mary Dyer

Pete and Marion Dooley

Matt Jackson



Welcome to the Airpark:

Rae Willis and Candace Oldham

Smilin' Jack Lane



Driver injured in afternoon crash.

Falmouth ..

A Cotuit man was flown to Boston for emergency medical care after a n accident on Waquoit Highway (Route 28).

Larry Wilson,57 the SUV's lone occupant had to be extracted from the vehicle said Falmouth Fire Captain William Howard.

Rescue crews rushed Wilson to the Falmouth Airport, where he was flown to Beth Israel in Boston. Wilson was listed in serious condition.

ANNUAL CLEAN-UP DAY



1st Row: Mitch Garner, Sue Shaw, Lori Bisbee, Candace Oldham, Carol Anderson, Skip Grevatt.

Back Row: Dave Shaw, Willy Williamson, Ed Stadelman, Pete Anderson, Raw Willis, Maggie Grevatt, Bob Bisbee.

Missing from photo: Barbara Jablon, Joan Garner and Linda Stadelman.

Below: : Skip Grevatt and Pete Anderson



Thanks to all who helped with "Clean-up Day". Sixteen neighbors came out to pick up trash, twigs, limbs and remove dirt piles left by the snow plow. After a couple of hours work we had coffee and cake in the shack.

Thank you to all who baked, Yum! Let's hope next winter will be milder.

Remember to pick up as you walk and pick up after your dog. Have a great summer.

FLYING RED HATTERS



The Flying Red Hatters' main purpose is to have fun. If you are a resident of the Falmouth Airpark we invite you to join us for our monthly get-togethers.

Wear a Red Hat and a Purple outfit; or wear a pink hat and a lavender outfit if you're under "50". Our Queen Mothers are: Phyllis Swift-548-6148 and Mary Kranz-540-9759

March— Hosted by Joan Adams, several Red Hatters went out to lunch at the Olive Garden in Hyannis and enjoyed a great afternoon.

Sue Shaw, hosted our May outing at the Bourne Fisher House in Waquoit (built circa 1729) for "English Afternoon Tea" on Thursday, May 26th. We enjoyed a delectable assortment of teas, finger sandwiches, scones, and pastries.. Our Red Hat group included Phyllis Swift, Sue Shaw, Carmil Brown, Val Volz, Betty Robinson., Olga Mitchell, Candie Oldham, Sandie Vitale, Betty McDowell, Joan Garner, Joan Adams, and Florence Boyajian.

Secretary Resigns

As most of you probably already know, Shawn has resigned as secretary. I feel we should accept her resignation with regrets and thank her for her contributions. That being said we need to fill the vacant position. If you know of someone qualified and willing to fill the remainder of the term please let me know.

Ed Stadelman FAHA Pres.

Airport Manager's Column

KUDOS:

First of all I would like to say thanks to all of you who showed up for the cleanup day on April 9th; the list is long and distinguished. One heck of a lot of work was done by some dedicated residents; the equivalent of about 2

weeks of me picking up shrubs, cleaning catch basin grates, and replacing fence rails, just to name a few. Additionally, there have been others who have stepped up to the plate and helped out. I don't know who all of you are, but I do appreciate your assistance.

WATER AMELIORATION PROJECT:

On April 9th I used an auger to drill 41 drain holes around the airport. So far I have installed pipes and 24 tons of stone into 32 holes. There are several other drains that still need the dirt berm removed. The recommendation to drag the dirt out didn't work, so I will be removing the berms the old fashioned way, with a shovel and rake. I am working this project in with the common area projects, which are on going, but progress is being made.

LANDSCAPING OPERATIONS

As all of you know this was one hectic winter and I am still working on recovery ops. Most of this is done, but I still have a few branches that will have to be removed, etc. The biggest part was the delay in starting with the landscaping activities at the circles and entrances, which remained covered with snow to some extent. All of the drains, except for one, work very well, with no standing water to speak of. The one drain that needs help will have to go much deeper, due to a clay pocket. Volunteers are researching the deep drilling requirement and equipment.

I have slice-seeded and fertilized circles on Quimby, West, Quimby, East, Wiley Post, and Glory Lane. This was somewhat unsuccessful, so I had some sample testing done. The soil is very acidic and will require some lime and time come up to a good pH. That said, I have broadcast some lime and reseeded some of the circles.

Mulching ops have started with the entrances and around the shack. I have also planted annuals in the entrances. Cleanup of the mulch beds in the circles has started, but there are a lot of them to do... This is a work in progress.

The landscaping at the end of the new hangar has started with the holes being dug. This project should be basically done by Memorial Day.

AIRPORT

As many of you know the Director of MAC is leaving as well as the Planning Manager who has already departed. After discussions with the #2 planner (who I'm sure will fleet up to the manager job), I don't believe the change in Planning Manager will have much of an effect on airports or operations within Massachusetts. The Director may have affected how MAC does business. I have no idea who will be put in this position, nor is there any real scuttlebutt floating around with the other airport managers.

Earlier this month MAC and MAMA (Massachusetts Airport Managers Association) hosted the first annual "Day on the Hill" with numerous state legislators and senators present. In addition LT Governor Healy, and the FAA Regional Director spoke. I believe there is an honest effort within this state to make general aviation more welcome across the board. I pray I'm right.

Willy Williamson

The Gang



War bird Flyover



SUN' n FUN FLY IN " April 2005 "

A group from the airpark headed down to Lakeland Florida by various means of transportation to spend a week enjoying the spectacular aviation show including the aerobatic, war birds , antique, experimental, ultra lites and the more traditional planes and helicopters. There was also the latest in avionics, weather avoidance, and hands on seminars. The weather was sunny and mild with a cool breeze which made walking around all day a pleasure. We enjoyed the daring feats performed during the air show and were impressed with the friendliness of all the people that attended the annual event. One of the highlights of the event was the War bird flyover with the P51 Mustang, the F-86, the F4 (Phantom) and the F16 (pictured above). The sounds of the individual aircraft combined along with the precision of the pilots was a very powerful and inspiring sight. As the moderator described the maneuvers, the crowd was on their feet as the National Anthem rang out. The attendance this year was less than last year, and also not as many aircraft in the many categories. I suspect the increase in fuel prices may have affected the outcome. As the week soon came to a close we regretfully had to make the trip back up north to return to our unusual dreary, rainy and depressing weather. Hopefully summer will come to the Cape soon. We're looking forward to next year's Sun n' Fun and hope to see more of our neighbors there.

Glacier Girl

Editors @ The Old Howard

Sizzlin Liz





Ode to the Tail dragger

By Mike Headrick

Submitted by: Olga Mitchell

**Tail dragger, I hate your guts!
 I have experience, ratings, and such,
 But to make you go straight is driving me nuts.
 With hours of teaching and the controls, in my clutch,
 It takes a little rudder. No! Less! A little too much!
 You see, I learned to fly in a tricycle gear,
 With one up front and two back here,
 She's sleek and clean and easy to steer,
 But this miserable thing with wires and struts,
 Takes a little bit of rudder. Easy now that's a little too much!
 It demands your attention on take-off roll,
 Or it'll head towards the boondocks, as you pour on the coal,
 Gotta hang loose, don't over control!**

**This wicked little plane is just too much,
 Give her more rudder, oops, that's too much.
 With a lot of zigzagging, and the word obscene,
 I think I've mastered this slippery machine.
 In fact I think I'm going to like this thing,
 It's not so bad if you have the touch.
 Just a little bit of rudder. Easy now, not too much!**

**I relax for a second, and from the corner of my eye,
 I suddenly realize with a gasp and a cry,
 That's my own tail that's swinging BYE!
 You ground looping wreck, I hate your guts.
 Give her the rudder. Great Scott, that's too much!**

This Issues Mystery Planes..... Can You Name Them ???

